

# Carillon

## St Barnabas Episcopal Church



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### Lambeth 2008

The Lambeth Conference '08 ended August 3 '08 and about 700 Anglican bishops, including the American bishops of the Episcopal Church, left for their home dioceses across the world.

The Conference ran from July 18 '08 and was held on the campus of the University of Kent, in the city of Canterbury.

Lambeth '08 was the 14<sup>th</sup> such Conference since the Archbishop of Canterbury, spiritual head of the Anglican Church, inaugurated the series in 1867.

In that year he invited to his palace in the London borough of Lambeth the bishops from all the churches in England and the British Empire whose worship practices followed the Anglican rite and prayerbook.

The purpose of the Lambeth Conferences, joined by the Episcopal Church in 1892, was to promote the unity of the Anglican Communion, and Lambeth '08 was no exception.

The Communion is a global assembly of Protestant churches, joined loosely together by their commitment to a common Bible, prayerbook and set of ecclesial beliefs and functions.

#### Unity

The Lambeth Conference of '08 was highly successful in bringing the bishops together and giving them the opportunity to discuss in detail the mandates of the Anglican Communion, as well as emerging issues which had caused distress within that Communion.

The mandates were easily agreed to. They were based on an acceptance of the core definition of Christianity calling for the personal assumption of personal responsibility for the status and condition of God's human creation and, beyond that, for maintaining the integrity of God's geo-physical realm.

Those precepts Julie+ memorialized in her October 19 '08 sermon at St Barnabas.

Discussions at Lambeth '08 ranged over the needs of what participants saw as a broken and desperate world which called for help, both spiritual and material.

The needs were material: food, shelter and access to medical treatment. In an equally basic sense, they included freedom from rampant disease, persecution and the ravages of war.

But, also, those needs included: protection against destructive national, ethnic and sexual policies which destroyed the lives of citizens without regard for due process or even the fundamental acknowledgment of their humanity.

At bottom, the agreement among participants at Lambeth '08 was that the churches of the Anglican Communion were obligated, in the ultimate sense of their mission, to be agents of spiritual, social and economic transformation in a dysfunctional world.

That included a renewed commitment to pro-action, particularly in the spiritual dimension and, in grateful acknowledgment of the Anglican Communion's debt to Jesus's continuing presence.

There were not, as in previous Lambeth's, a series of plenary meetings which would produce a passel of memoranda and resolutions. That was ruled out by the existence of a challenge from within the Communion to the way it had developed and was currently being led by its spiritual leader, Archbishop Rowan Williams.

~Victor Levine

(To be continued)

# NEW SEASON, NEW SERVICES

November first marks the return of many of our winter neighbors here in Borrego Springs. That day, we will also kick off a new series of worship gatherings at St. Barnabas as well. The **Blessing of the Animals**, open to all members of the Borrego Springs community, will take place at **10 am** on Saturday, **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Bring your special 'critter,' be it finned or feathered or furred, for a blessing and maybe even a special treat.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** marks the beginning of a new worship schedule at St. Barnabas. The 'early' service, which will start at **7:30 am**, will be quieter with less music and more time for silent reflection. Bonnie Walker will join us at the organ to offer meditative music during the administration of communion and a closing hymn to send us into the world with joyful hearts.

The **9:30 am** service will have the usual array of hymns selected to highlight the lessons of the day. We will continue to sing the usual service music but with a new 'fraction anthem.' During the next few months, we hope to introduce some other liturgical options as well, appropriate to the church seasons, as we journey through the coming year.

In between services, from **8:30 to 9:15am**, we will begin a **Rector's Forum Time**.

This will be a time during which we will explore various topics of interest to St. Barnabas. Our first topic, which will probably run throughout the months of November and December, will be the Book of Common Prayer, including new liturgies that have been approved since the adoption of the 1979 BCP. In addition, we will look at some of the new music that is now enriching our worship.

Planning has also begun for the **Thanksgiving Eve** service to be held at the Methodist Church on **November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Save that date for a community celebration of our blessings as well as St. Barnabas' own service of thanksgiving on **November 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am**.

Come and enjoy the beauty of worship at St. Barnabas! Better yet, volunteer to take an active role in leading worship at St. Barnabas. Be a lector, a prayer leader, join the Choir or the Altar Guild, help design the flowers, be an usher. It takes many hands to create each worship service. Let your hands share in the joy of service. And better even still, bring a friend. The Episcopal Church has so many great things to offer to our world. Share the blessings we enjoy with neighbors and friends!

~Julie+

## THE CALLING COMMITTEE OF ST. BARNABAS NEEDS YOUR INPUT

We need your thoughts on what you want in a permanent priest. You need to think about that, as well as the role that St. Barnabas plays within the Borrego Community. But you also need to consider how the Church, both local and national, is meeting your current needs. Beyond that you have to ask yourself what both entities have to do to fulfill their obligations in the future.

Please call the members of the Committee, or otherwise get in touch with them. Tell them about your own needs and desires as they touch on St Barnabas and its future in the community.

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JULIA CHRISTIAN+ INTERIM RECTOR

## Interim Rector's Corner

Dear Friends,

First let me thank you for your lovely welcome and hospitality. I am enjoying becoming acquainted with you all so very much. I had a great time at BJ Parson's with the Women of St. Barnabas at their first luncheon of the year and look forward to many more pleasant gatherings. Similarly, I was very glad to join the Cursillistas at one of their Monday morning reunions. Hearing each other's stories is a wonderful way to get to know you all and I am eager to hear from all of you in the coming weeks. I've had the opportunity to share a bit of Al's and my story during the past few weeks and would like to share a little more with those of you just returning to this lovely, peaceful desert.

Al and I celebrated 40 years of marriage this summer. It's hard to believe. On the one hand, it feels like we've always been part of each other's lives and it's hard to remember that time when we weren't a couple. On the other hand, the time seems to have flown by and we can hardly believe it's been so many years. It's even harder to realize we have a 38-year-old son! We must have been wee little children when we married, because I really don't think we're old enough yet to have logged so many milestones!

An old adage says "cleanliness is next to godliness." I guess that must be true because Al and I met in a carwash! That meeting and all that has ensued have been a blessing. He was young, good-looking Naval officer (though we'd be married for a good 6 months before I ever saw him in a uniform). And I was a Twiggy clone in bright, mod dress (though you'd never know it nowadays). He was from Wisconsin, an attorney who was making a career in the service. I was an East Coast girl, reared in Virginia and New York, just out of college. After a whirlwind courtship, we were married seven months later and we've been on a lovely adventure ever since.

The Navy moved us from New York to San Diego and back to Washington until Al retired from the JAG Corps after 21 years of service. We returned to San Diego, as so many Navy families do, and settled down. I pursued a career in commercial real estate development and finance, utilizing my economics and business background. And by God's grace, we became involved in a brand new Episcopal mission just getting started in our neighborhood.

This wasn't like any church I had ever experienced before! A school multi-purpose room instead of soaring gothic arches, colorful banners instead of stained glass, a stiff and sticky-keyed upright piano instead of an organ. It was 'church-in-a-box' where the altar collapsed and was stored on a cart and the altar guild's trappings were stowed in a bright pink Samsonite suitcase! But it was the most loving Christian community we had ever encountered. And we were enchanted.

Over the next 6 years, Al and I would be involved in just about all of the church's ministries - Vestry, Search Committee, hospitality, Treasurer, Building Committee, Cursillo, pastoral care, outreach (Al was one of the founders of a wonderful food and worship ministry to the Hispanic farm workers living in the hills behind our neighborhood). And gradually, I began to perceive a call to ordained ministry. After serious soul-searching, wonderful guidance and support from our faith community, we moved cross-country again and attended Virginia Theological Seminary. I earned a M. Div. degree and Al was awarded a Certificate in Lay Theology for our studies over the 3 year duration.

And then returned home to San Diego - the diocese. I was blessed to begin my ordained ministry at St. Margaret's in Palm Desert, just up the road a bit. Then on to the Los Angeles Diocese where I led St. Francis of Assisi in Simi Valley and then returning to San Diego at St. James by-the-Sea in La Jolla. I retired from full-time ministry about a year-and-a-half ago and we made a new home for ourselves in Bermuda Dunes, a small community in the Palm Desert area. And now I feel very blessed to serve among you for this 'time-in-between' while you all pause to reflect, to dream and to seek a new rector.

I hope story-telling will be a major part of our time together because, just as our knowledge and love of God comes to us in stories handed down over the centuries, I believe we continue to grow in wisdom and understanding through the stories we tell each other about our encounters with the divine. I invite you to join me in sharing the story during the coming months.

Blessings to you all,  
*Julie+*

# SAINT OF THE MONTH

November 16

## St. Margaret of Scotland (1050?-1093)

Margaret of Scotland was a truly liberated woman in the sense that she was free to be herself. For her, that meant freedom to love God and serve others.

Margaret was not Scottish by birth. She was the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and the Anglo-Saxon Prince Edward Atheling. She spent much of her youth in the court of her great-uncle, the English king, Edward the Confessor. Her family fled from William the Conqueror and was shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland. King Malcolm befriended them and was captivated by the beautiful, gracious Margaret. They were married at the castle of Dunfermline in 1070.

Malcolm was good-hearted, but rough and uncultured, as was his country. Because of Malcolm's love for Margaret, she was able to soften his temper, polish his manners and help him become a virtuous king. He left all domestic affairs to her and often consulted her in state matters.

Margaret tried to improve her adopted country by promoting the arts and education. For religious reform, she instigated synods and was present for the discussions which tried to correct religious abuses common among priests and others, such as simony, usury and incestuous marriages. With her husband, she founded several churches.

Margaret was not only a queen, but a mother. She and Malcolm had six sons and two daughters. Margaret personally supervised their religious instruction and their other studies.

Although she was very much caught up in the affairs of the household and country, she remained detached from the world. Her private life was austere. She had certain times for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate sparingly and slept little in order to have time for devotions. She and Malcolm kept two Lents, one before Easter and one before Christmas. During these times she always rose at midnight for Mass. On the way home she would wash the feet of six poor persons and give them alms. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding nine orphans and 24 adults.

In 1093, King William Rufus made a surprise attack on Alnwick castle. King Malcolm and his oldest son, Edward, were killed. Margaret, already on her deathbed, died four days after her husband.

### Comment:

There are two ways to be charitable: the "clean way" and the "messy way." The "clean way" is to give money or clothing to organizations that serve the poor. The "messy way" is dirtying your own hands in personal service to the poor. Margaret's outstanding virtue was her love of the poor. Although very generous with material gifts, Margaret also visited the sick and nursed them with her own hands. She and her husband served orphans and the poor on their knees during Advent and Lent. Like Christ, she was charitable the "messy way."

### Quote:

"When [Margaret] spoke, her conversation was with the salt of wisdom. When she was silent, her silence was filled with good thoughts. So thoroughly did her outward bearing correspond with the staidness of her character that it seemed as if she has been born the pattern of a virtuous life" (Turgot, St. Margaret's confessor).

## Corrections & clarifications to October '08 issue of Carillon

1. As part of the Church's Outreach Program, the Women of St Barnabas and the St Barnabas Altar Guild helped finance Ernie Loza's project to supply water in the summer to the community in Slab City. It is an ongoing effort that has been in operation for more than several years and is expected to continue in the future.

2. Not related, nor a parish outreach, is the separate endeavor, to supply water in the uninhabited areas of the desert for the benefit of those who are lost or have exhausted their water supply, the blue flag project. Blue Flag originated with John Hunter and Hal Sealund. It is now headed up by Frank Murillo. It was — and continues to be — informally supported by a changing cast of volunteers from the town, which have included folks from St Barnabas.

~Victor Levine

# VESTRY NEWS

St. Barnabas Church Vestry News

October 27, 2008

## Vestry News

As life is constantly changing, so are plans at St. Barnabas. The workshop scheduled by Rev. Canon Jenny Vervynk to help our congregation focus on our needs and desires for a new rector has been changed from November 2nd to January 4th. This is to accommodate those who do not arrive until after the holidays. It will follow a single service which will be at 8:30 instead of the usual 9:30.

The biggest change, however, is by the Rev. Julia and the worship committee who have decided to change the 7:00 am service to 7:30 am. This will now be a quiet service.

Our treasurer pointed out that the horrendous market conditions have affected both church and endowment funds. The report did confirm that although income is down, so are expenses. This is a difficult time as all of you know, and if all our pledges are met we will be in a much healthier state.

Speaking of health, Bill Walker will start up his Younger Next year program again in the beginning of December. What a gift to our community!

Some November dates to remember are the Blessing of the Animals on November 1st, and Renewal of Baptismal Covenant on All Saints Sunday, November 2nd. Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at the Methodist Church this year and, of course, we will have our Thanksgiving Day eucharist at St. Barnabas.

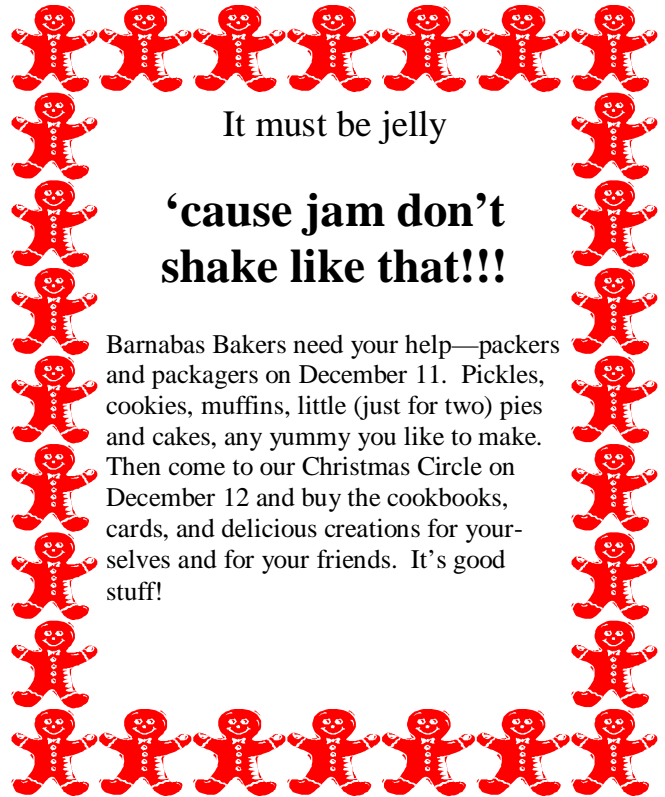
Please remember the Welcome Back Party on November 9th for all of us returning as well as all of us who have weathered the summer. It's a good time to catch up as we head into the season. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

~SUE SALT

## Ingredients for a healthy heart

1. Lovingly accept yourself — you are God's creation.
2. Maintain supportive relationships with family & friends
3. Eat foods low in saturated fats & cholesterol
4. Maintain proper weight
5. Exercise regularly
6. Check B/P regularly & keep under control
7. Find a daily quiet time
8. Don't smoke

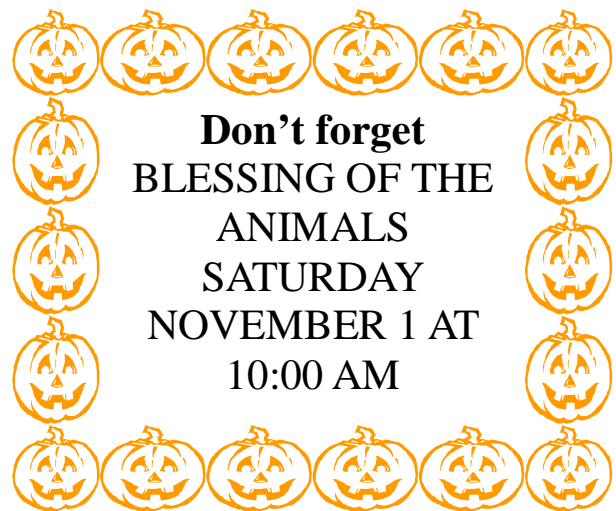
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It must be jelly

**'cause jam don't  
shake like that!!!**

Barnabas Bakers need your help—packers and packagers on December 11. Pickles, cookies, muffins, little (just for two) pies and cakes, any yummy you like to make. Then come to our Christmas Circle on December 12 and buy the cookbooks, cards, and delicious creations for yourselves and for your friends. It's good stuff!



**Don't forget  
BLESSING OF THE  
ANIMALS  
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 1 AT  
10:00 AM**

# BITS & PIECES

## WHITE ELEPHANT COLUMN

The Rectory is in need of some new/gently used furniture—desk chair, sofas, easy chairs and dining chairs. Call Lynniss 767-3914 if you would like to donate your unused furniture.

For inclusion, or suggestions to help the column be more useful, call Victor at 767-7746 or drop him a line at [ravok@nethere.com](mailto:ravok@nethere.com)

### REMEMBER.....

Unwanted items are welcomed by Ernie Loza.  
He distributes to .....

Slab City  
the orphanage  
the women's rehab in Brawley.

You can reach Ernie at  
760-445-5360.

### LOCAL MAN WANTS WORK ASSISTING ELDERLY AND DISABLED

Can do the following:

- 1) Water leaks & Energy savings
- 2) Cleaning ,Vacuuming ,Cooking
- 3) Dog walking
- 4) Planting, etc.

Available 8 hrs per week  
\$3.00 per hour Worker / Elderly and disabled Only/

Please call Tracey S. Alexander ( 767-9818 )

### Wanted

CPA volunteer to work with rector's warden and finance committee at St Barnabas. If interested, please call Cathy Oswalt (767-3455/5094 or 519-2450) or  
Dave Leibert (767-7788)  
[david@thepalmsatindianhead.com](mailto:david@thepalmsatindianhead.com)

THE TALENTS AND TREASURES  
SALE  
WILL BE HELD  
LATE FEBRUARY 2009

.NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN  
YOUR ART PROJECT, JEWELRY,  
QUILTING, PAINTING, ETC. ETC.

REMEMBER: The proceeds from this sale stay right here in St. Barnabas! Information: Call Faye Dorsey 767-5542

### REMINDER

Hosts and/or hostesses are needed for Sunday morning coffee after service.....sign up in the Parish Hall

## WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS— NEW SEASON!

B.J.Parsons was hostess for our October meeting and provided a delicious preview of our “Welcome Back Snowbirds” November 9 party. Our interim priest, Julie Christian was our guest of honor. We presented her with gifts—our best-selling new cookbook and a packet of our lovely luminaria notecards. Faye Dorsey announced our lively arts and crafts sale for February, and co-chair Ann Nourse circulated sign-up sheets for the many activities involved with the December 11 and 12 Barnabas Bakers fund raiser.

*By Nancy Bye*

**Wednesday, November 12**  
Ann Nourse, hostess for potluck lunch  
Earthquake Preparedness program

**Thursday, December 11**  
Parish Room—see posted schedule for  
Barnabas Bakers delivery and wrapping.

**Friday, December 12**  
Sign up for your time at the Barnabas Bakers  
Event at Christmas Circle—7 to 11 a.m.  
Help needed from the guys!

**Wednesday, January 14**  
Nancy Bye, hostess for potluck lunch  
Meet the new principal and the  
students we sponsored in '08 events.  
Plan for '09 Camp Stevens, ambassadors, etc.

**Tuesday, February 11**  
Sue Salt, hostess for potluck lunch  
Ernie Loza will tell us about his charities.

**Wednesday, March 11**  
Faye Dorsey, hostess for potluck lunch  
More work on our ever growing  
photographic history.  
Planning for summer activities.

**Thursday, April 2**  
See December 11

**Friday, April 3**  
See December 12

**Wednesday, April 8**  
Hostess to be determined  
Plan for Summer '09  
Shall we do the Easter Holy Happy Hour?

### WELCOME BACK SNOW- BIRDS!

*Join us at 5:00 or so on Sunday,  
November 9<sup>th</sup>  
In our beautiful courtyard for  
a delicious supper of El Pollo Loco,  
secret splendor potatoes,  
salads, bread and desserts.*

BRING your own wine and cocktails.  
BRING your pal/partner.  
BRING your good cheer.  
BRING a \$10 donation each.  
***RSVP ASAP—767-3766***

*Can't wait to see you again!!!*



## Mark Your Calendar

### NOVEMBER

November 1: Saturday 10:00 AM Blessing of the Animals  
November, 4, 11, 18, 25: Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. The Men of St. Barnabas  
@ Kendall's Café  
November 9: Sunday 5:00 PM WELCOME BACK PARTY  
November 12: Wednesday at noon The Women of St. Barnabas @ A Nourse  
November 21: Friday at 6:00 PM Sarah's Circle  
November 24: Monday at 8 a.m. monthly Vestry meeting  
November 26: Wednesday 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service  
@ Methodist Church  
November 27: Thursday 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving



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